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Shall scarce afford, for *needful* hours of rest,
A single house to their benighted guest. *Addison on Italy.*
NEEDFULLY. *adv.* [from *needful*.] *Needfully*.
They who

Dare for these poems, yet both ask and read,
And like them too; must *needfully*, tho' few, *Ben. Johnson.*
Be of the best.

NEEDFULNESS. *n. f.* [from *needful*.] *Needfulness*.
NEEDILY. *adv.* [from *needy*.] In poverty; poorly.
NEEDINESS. *n. f.* [from *needy*.] Want; poverty.

Whereas men have many reasons to persuade; to use them
all at once, weakeneth them. For it argueth a *neediness* in
every of the reasons, as if one did not trust to any of them,
but fled from one to another. *Bacon.*
NEEDLE. *n. f.* [needl, Saxon.]

1. A small instrument pointed at one end to pierce cloth, and
perforated at the other to receive the thread, used in sewing.
For him you waste in tears your widow'd hours.

2. The small steel bar which in the mariners compass stands
regularly north and south.
The use of the loadstone, and the mariners *needle* was not
then known. *Burnet's Theory of the Earth.*

NEEDLE-FISH. *n. f.* [*needle* and *fish*.] A kind of sea-fish.
One rhomboidal bony scale of the *needle-fish*. *Woodward.*

NEEDLEFUL. *n. f.* [*needle* and *full*.] As much thread as is
generally put at one time in the needle.

NEEDLER. *n. f.* [from *needle*.] He who makes
needles.
NEEDLEWORK. *n. f.* [*needle* and *work*.]

1. The business of a needlestitch.
2. Embroidery by the needle.

In *needlework* and embroideries, it is more pleasing to
have a lively work upon a lightsome ground, than a dark
and melancholy work upon a lightsome ground. *Bacon.*

In a curious brode of *needlework*, one colour falls away
by such just degrees, and another rises so insensibly, that we
see the variety without being able to distinguish the total va-
nishing of the one from the first appearance of the other.

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An alligator stuff'd, and other skins
Of ill-lhap'd fishes. *Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet.*
The poor and *needy* praise thy name. *Pf. lxvii. 21.*
We bring into the world a poor *needy* uncertain life, short
at the longest, and unquiet at the best. *Templ.*

Nuptials of form, of int'rest, or of state,
Those seeds of pride are fruitful in debate:
Let happy men for generous love declare,
And chuse the *needy* virgin, chaste and fair. *Grav.*

To relieve the *needy*, and comfort the afflicted, are duties
that fall in our way every day. *Addison's Spect. No. 93.*
NE'ER. [for *never*.]

It appears I am no horse,
That I can argue and discourse;
Have but two legs, and *ne'er* a tail. *Hudibras.*

To **NEESE**. *v. n.* [*neese*, Danish; *neison*, Dutch.] To *neese*,
to discharge flatulencies by the nose. Retained in Scotland.
He went up and stretched himself upon him; and the child
neesed seven times, and opened his eyes. *2 Kings iv. 35.*

By his *neesings* a light doth shine, and his eyes are like the
eye-lids of the morning. *Jeb xli. 18.*

NEF. *n. f.* [old French, from *navis*.] The body of a church.
The church of St. Justina, designed by Palladio, is the
most handsome, luminous, disencumbered building in Italy.
The long *nef* consists of a row of five cupols, the cross
one has on each side a single cupola deeper than the others.

NEFARIOUS. *adj.* [*nefarius*, Latin.] Wicked; abominable.
The most *nefarius* bastards, are they whom the law files
incestuous bastards, which are begotten between ascendants
and descendants, and between collateral, as far as the di-
vine prohibition extends. *Ayliffe's Parergon.*

NEGATION. *n. f.* [*negatio*, Lat. *negation*, Fr.]
1. Denial; the contrary to affirmation.
Chance properly signifies, that all events called casual,
among inanimate bodies, are mechanically and naturally pro-
duced according to the determinate figures, textures, and
motions of those bodies, with this only *negation*, that those
inanimate bodies are not conscious of their own operations.

NEGATIVE. *adj.* [*negativus*, Latin.]
1. Denying; contrary to affirmative.
2. Implying only the absence of something.

There is another way of denying Christ with our mouths,
which is *negative*, when we do not acknowledge and con-
fess him. *South's Sermon.*

Consider the necessary connection that is between the *ne-
gative* and positive part of our duty. *Tilleshon, Sermon.*

Having the power to withhold, though not to compel.
Denying me any power of a *negative* voice as king, they
are not ashamed to seek to deprive me of the liberty of using
my reason with a good confidence. *King Charles.*

NEGATIVE. *n. f.*
1. A proposition by which something is denied.
Of *negatives* we have far the least certainty; and they
are usually hardest, and many times impossible to be proved.
Tilleshon, Sermon.

2. A particle of denial; as, *not*.
A pure substance is defin'd,
But by an heap of *negatives* combin'd;
Ask what a spirit is, you'll hear them cry,
It hath no matter, no mortality. *Cleaveland's Poem.*

NEGATIVELY. *adv.* [from *negative*.]
1. With denial; in the form of denial; not affirmatively.
When I asked him whether he had not drunk at all? he
answered *negatively*. *Byss.*

2. In form of speech implying the absence of something.
The fathers draw arguments from the Scripture *negatively*
in reproof of that which is evil; Scriptures teach it not,
avoid it therefore. *Hooker, b. ii.*

I shall shew what this image of God in man is, *negatively*,
by shewing wherein it does not consist; and positively, by
shewing wherein it does. *South's Sermon.*

To **NEGLECT**. *v. n.* [*neglectus*, Latin.]
1. To omit by carelessness.
If he *neglect* to hear them, tell it unto the church. *Mat. xviii. 17.*

2. To treat with scornful heedlessness.
3. To postpone.
I have been long a sleeper; but I trust
My absence doth *neglect* no great design,
Which by my presence might have been concluded. *Sha.*

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I have perceived a most faint *neglect* of late, which I have
rather blamed as my own jealous curiosity, than as a very
pretence or purpose of unkindness. *Shakespeare. King Lear.*

3. Negligence; frequency of neglect.
Age breeds *neglect* in all, and actions
Remote in time, like objects
Remote in place, are not beheld at half their greatness. *Denham.*

4. State of being unregarded.
Rescue my poor remains from vile *neglect*,
With virgin honours let my herse be deck'd,
And decent emblem. *Prior.*

NEGLECTER. *n. f.* [from *neglect*.] One who neglects.
NEGLECTFUL. *adj.* [*neglectful* and *full*.]
NEGLECT. *n. f.* [from *neglect*.] Inattentive; negligent.

Moral ideas not offering themselves to the senses, but be-
ing to be framed to the understanding, people are *neglectful*
of a faculty they are apt to think wants nothing. *Locke.*

Though the Romans had no great genius for trade, yet
they were not entirely *neglectful* of it. *Ariana. on Coins.*

2. Treating with indifference.
If the father cares them when they do well, shew a cold
and *neglectful* countenance to them upon doing ill, it will
make them sensible of the difference. *Locke on Education.*

NEGLECTION. *n. f.* [from *neglect*.] The state of being neg-
ligent.

NEGLECTFULLY. *adv.* [from *neglectful*.] With heedless in-
attention; careless indifference.
Sleeping *neglectful* doth betray to loss

The conquests of our fierce cold conqueror. *Shakef.*
NEGLECTIVE. *adj.* [from *neglect*.] Inattentive; or regardless of.
I wanted not probabilities sufficient to raise jealousies in
any king's heart, not wholly stupid, and *neglective* of the
publick peace. *King Charles.*

NEGLECT. *n. f.* [*negligentia*, Fr. *negligentia*, Latin.]
1. Habit of omitting by heedlessness, or of acting carelessly.
2. Influence of neglect.

She let it drop by *negligence*,
And, to th' advantage, I being here, took't up. *Shakef.*
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2. Careless of any particular.
We have been *negligent* in not hearing his voice. *Bar. i. 19.*

3. Scornfully regardless.
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